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Memorandum

To: ENRP Co-Chairs Bradley Erck & Barry Weinstein, MD

From: Government Affairs Subcommittee Chair Peter McMahon

Re: May & June 2002 meetings

Date: June 28, 2002

The Erie-Niagara Regional Partnership's Government Affairs Subcommittee met May 13, 2002 at the Rath Building in downtown Buffalo, and June 10, 2002 at Christino's at the Amherst Marriott. Present for the May meeting were subcommittee members McMahon, Ellis, Meal, Rubin, and Sheffer. Present for the June meeting were subcommittee members Ellis, Weinstein, and Sheffer.

Site Readiness Survey

While the BNE's working group is prioritizing near shovel ready sites for redevelopment at a regional level and is working to market the 17 shovel ready sites, it would be useful for municipalities to have the information on the sites that were submitted for the survey so that they can make decisions on redeveloping these sites as well. **The Government Affairs Subcommittee requests that the Erie-Niagara Regional Partnership ask the BNE to send out information collected during the site readiness survey to the appropriate municipalities.**

Communication with Municipalities

There are many partnerships and efforts underway such as purchasing cooperatives, the electronic permitting pilot, and utility aggregation that municipalities can become involved in. We have to let them know what's out there and how to access these efforts. To that end, subcommittee chair McMahon and subcommittee member Wright Ellis are working on a newsletter to take back to their local governments associations.

Other Topics

Other topics discussed included the Framework for Regional Growth, the REDD, electronic permitting, cultural and overall tourism, and power relicensing.